

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/887,591	DELHOUANE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed 8/8/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment was received on 8/8/05 and has been entered and made of record. Currently, claims 1-6 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 4-5, filed 8/8/05, with respect to claims 1-6 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-6 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-6 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-6 are allowed based on the persuasiveness of the arguments filed on 8/8/05 and for the reason that the prior art does not disclose or suggest in claimed combination "merging decompressed autonomic segments independent of any other autonomic segments associated with the image reproduction" along with all the other limitations as recited in claim 1 and the dependent claims 2-6.

The closest prior art, previously noted as Notredame et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6049390), discloses a system for high speed printing of pages obtained by merging one or more page elements. The system merges a plurality of image data in compressed form that represents a page. The merging is performed rapidly to keep up with a high speed printing device to which the compressed and merged image data making up a page will be transferred to for execution. Notredame fails to disclose merging decompressed data, the decompressed data is also not made up of autonomic segments. Notredame fails to disclose autonomic segments, which are segments of data that contain all the information necessary for the reproduction of a region of an image. Notredame instead discloses merging compressed data pertaining to the entirety of page elements for an entire page.

Therefore, because of these reasons, the claims are rendered allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. To further show the state of the art refer to U.S. Patent No. 6956667 (Delhoune et al.).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Milia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7408. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached at (571) 272-7402. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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